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The proper use of this poster announcing the Eleventh Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement at Buffalo, N. Y., December 30, 1931 to January 3, 1932, will probably prove to be the most effective means of calling

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MODERN MISSIONS MOVEMENT

"Re-Thinking Missions" has become a Movement. This Report of the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry awakened fresh and alert attention to the mission of Christianity in a swiftly changing world. The National Committee for the presentation of the results of the Inquiry, in the year of its meetings in every section of the country has found a deepening interest in the study of the Report and eagerness to support its conclusions. Thousands of ministers and laymen are accepting the challenge of the Inquiry and desire to cooperate in this Movement in the faith that it offers changes absolutely necessary to the world service of Christianity. To the end that the crises surveyed (religious, social and international) and the solutions offered by the Inquiry may issue in an operative program equal to the emerging task, the Movement is expressing itself as follows:

Organization

An Executive Committee is responsible for the direction of the Movement. A National Committee of religious leaders - ministers and laymen - from many communions cooperates in determining general policy and procedure. The Committee also invites the cooperation of autonomous local groups in furthering the purposes of the Movement.

Purpose

To foster the further consideration of the possible world service of Christianity as indicated by the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry; to serve as a medium of information; and to cooperate with any Board, Church or other agency which is making effective the principles and recommendations of the Report (Re-Thinking Missions) and of the Regional Reports by the Commission of Appraisal.

Procedure

1. To seek out, endorse, and encourage the support of concrete enterprises on the field which are undertaken and prosecuted in harmony with the principles and recommendations of the Report of the Laymen's Inquiry - more especially the following:

   (a) Those agencies and enterprises having, or cooperating in, a comprehensive objective and balanced program in which evangelistic, educational, medical, agricultural, industrial and social service obtain, and that seek the regeneration of individual units and their integration in the socio-religious world-order which Jesus called the "Kingdom of God".

   (b) General organizations and specific pieces of work that have intensive concentration of personnel and funds which accents the quality of the product regardless of statistical results.

(c) Enterprises where the concept of missionary duty involves the unhurried permeation of the total life of communities by the spirit of Christ, through more carefully selected and better trained personnel which is not burdened with institutional and administrative routine.

(d) Enterprises whose leadership recognizes that God has not been absent from the hearts and hopes of peoples from the beginning of human life and who try humbly and with generous sincerity to share all they have learned of God through Jesus Christ, to the end that men everywhere may come to a vital experience and adequate knowledge of God and living membership in His Kingdom.

(e) Christian leadership from abroad that not only definitely recognizes its temporary tenure, but which is actually putting into effect the gradual transfer of responsibility to nationals who have been prepared for leadership by participation.

(f) Those agencies at home and abroad that are committed to genuine administrative unity.

2. To communicate with Boards and other agencies to ascertain what work abroad they would suggest as being in full harmony with the specifications named above (1, a-f) in order that information may be communicated to those who wish to support such types of work.

3. There are other far-reaching proposals that have been made to the Committee. These, however, are being held in abeyance until trial has been made of the procedure outlined above.